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		10A. MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
		10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
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11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS

The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offers is extended. is not extended.
Offers must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended, by one of the following methods : (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.

12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)

13. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.

CHECK ONE	A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.
	B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(b).
	C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:
	D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)

E. IMPORTANT: Contractor is not. is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.

14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.)

The purpose of this amendment is to answer questions received in response to solicitation N00014-16-R-0012 and revise Solicitation Section L and Section M.

The due date and time for proposals submitted under this solicitation remain unchanged. Proposals are due December 7, 2015 at 2:00PM Eastern Local Time.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9 A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.

15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)	16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print) Barbara L. Christian
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED
	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  (Signature of Contracting Officer)
	16C. DATE SIGNED 11/25/2015

Section L - Instructions, Conditions, and Notices to Bidders was revised as follows.

1 - Notice to Offerors was revised as follows.

3 - Instructions for Submission of Volume I, IDIQ Contract Technical Proposals was revised as follows.

(a) To be considered for an Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract award, offerors shall submit an IDIQ technical proposal. The IDIQ technical proposal shall be placed in Volume I.

(b) Volume I IDIQ Technical Proposal Format

- Paper Size – 8.5 x 11 inch paper
- Margins – 1 inch
- Spacing – single line spacing
- Font – Times New Roman, 12 point
- **Number of pages:- Volume I, IDIQ Technical Proposal Volume I shall not exceed twelve (12) pages inclusive of the title page, table of contents, the severable section for Commitment to Small Business, and Past Performance information.**
- Required Copies: 1 original paper and 3 paper copies and 6 CD ROMs of Technical Volume I. The original and each copy of Volume I shall be placed in a 3 ring binder.

Volumes on the CD ROMs shall be in, Microsoft Office 2010 or a compatible format.

(c) General

(1) The technical proposal shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with Section L entitled, "Instructions Conditions, and Notices to Offeror's". The emphasis placed on any element of the technical proposal may affect evaluation of an offeror's proposal upon application of the criteria specified in Section M.

(2) The technical proposal must demonstrate the offeror's ability to meet the requirements in Attachment Number 1 entitled, "Electromagnetic Maneuver Command and Control (EMC²) Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Statement of Work" and to demonstrate acceptable understanding of the broad Electromagnetic Maneuver Command and Control (EMC²) systems and concepts and demonstrate an ability to provide systems/systems integration capability.

(d) To be considered for award of an IDIQ contract, the technical proposal shall address the following elements:

(A) Technical Capability and Experience

The offeror shall provide information regarding one (1) but not more than three (3) contracts (herein after referred to as the "Contracted System") performed in the last three (3) years that exhibited recent, technical, programmatic, and managerial experience within the EMC² scope of work. The offeror shall provide a description of the work performed and the resulting product(s) that were delivered. It shall include a description of the extent to which the work and product(s) is relevant to integrated electromagnetic (EM) systems. The description shall include the overall architecture of the contracted system, including how it meets Modular Open System requirements, issues that needed to be solved, both technical and programmatic and how those issues were resolved and/or mitigated. The offeror shall provide a narrative of how the offeror organized, staffed, and managed the effort(s) being addressed. This narrative shall provide the Government with sufficient information to show that the offeror has the corporate systems, controls and processes in place to fulfill the requirements for any resulting orders. The offeror shall also provide a description of how the offeror coordinated with the program office.

(B) Past Performance

The offeror shall provide information regarding the contracted system(s) covering the past three (3) years that exhibited similar, relevant performance requirements to those described in this solicitation. The information shall include the contract number(s), contract(s) type, total value, period of performance, and technical point(s) of contact within the awarding organization (government or industry), their telephone number(s) and email address(s). The government reserves the right to contact one (1) or more of the points of contact identified by the offeror. In addition, the government may consider past performance information obtained from sources other than those identified by the offeror, such as Contractor Performance Assessment Report System (CPARs), Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS) or Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS), Federal, State and local government agencies, Better Business Bureau, or published media and electronic data bases.

The offeror's past performance information shall address the following areas for one or more of the three contracts identified:

(i) Timeliness of Performance: How the offeror met program milestones and completed deliverables on time, the offeror's performance was reliable, and the offeror has been responsive to technical direction.

(ii) Cost Control: How the offeror has delivered products within budget, billings have been current, accurate, and traceable, actual costs have tracked to the negotiated costs and cost control measures have controlled costs and resulted in efficiencies and includes a discussion of their system for controlling costs.

(iii) Business Relations: How the offeror has shown business-like concern for the Government's and other contractor's interests, exhibited effective management and has demonstrated a reasonable and cooperative team attitude.

(iv) Customer satisfaction: How the offeror satisfied the end user with the contractor's products and service.

(C) Commitment to Small Business

Note: This section is applicable to all offerors including small businesses, education institutions and nonprofits. Failure to address this section may result in a material failure of a proposal to meet a Government requirement. Under this solicitation, Offerors are strongly encouraged to provide meaningful small business opportunities to small businesses, HUBZone small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, woman-owned small businesses, veteran-owned small businesses, service disabled veteran-owned small businesses, historically black colleges and universities, and minority institutions.

(a) Each offeror is required to submit its "Commitment to Small Business Statement and Offer" document. This document shall provide a narrative that describes the offeror's intent and commitment to the use of small and small disadvantaged businesses in conducting the tasks under an order. Specifically, the "Commitment to Small Business Statement and Offer" should address the following*:

(i) The extent to which such firms, (i.e., small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, woman-owned small businesses, veteran-owned small businesses, service disabled veteran-owned small businesses, historically black colleges and universities, and minority institutions) would be used to accomplish the contracted system;

(ii) A description of how such firms, (i.e., small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, woman-owned small businesses, veteran-owned small businesses, service disabled veteran-owned small businesses, historically black colleges and universities, and minority institutions) were used to perform the required tasks.

(iii) A description of the offerors commitment to use such firms for subcontracting opportunities;

(iv) A description of the complexity and variety of the work small firms performed;

(v) Offeror's past performance on utilization of small business concerns in contract performance (as identified in the Commitment to Small Business Statement and Offer)

*NOTE- Where no subcontracting of the outlined tasks is anticipated, the Offeror should indicate how these commitments are being handled within its own internal operations (such as purchase of office supplies, janitorial,

security or other general service or supply items

(b) Pursuant to FAR 52.219-9, all offerors, with the exception of Small Businesses, are required to submit a small business plan, which shall apply to all subsequent orders. ~~If the Federally mandated goals cannot be met, the offeror shall provide an explanation as to why these goals cannot be met.~~ **The requirement for submitting a small business subcontracting plan with the IDIQ proposal is removed.**

(c) The following link provides guidance and information regarding ONR small business plans and commitment: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/contracts-Grants/small-business.aspx>

(d) In accordance with FAR Subpart 5.206 entities may transmit a notice to a Government Point of Entry (GPE) to seek competition for subcontracts and to increase participation by qualified HUBZone small business, small, small disadvantaged business, women-owned small business, veteran-owned small business, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns is encouraged, and to meet established subcontracting goals as follows:

(1) A contractor awarded a contract exceeding \$150,000 that is likely to result in the award of any subcontracts.

(2) A subcontractor or supplier, at any tier, under a contract exceeding \$150,000 that has a subcontracting opportunity exceeding \$15,000.

The notices must describe-

(1) The business opportunity,

(2) Any prequalification requirements; and

(3) Where to obtain technical data needed to respond to the requirement.

An example of a GPE is the Small Business Administration (SBA) Sub-Net (web.sba.gov/subnet) where prime contractors post solicitations or sources sought notices for small businesses. The SUB-Net database provides a listing of subcontracting solicitations and opportunities posted by large prime contractors and other non-federal agencies.

4 - Instructions for Cost Volume for IDIQ Contracts (Volume II) was revised as follows.

At the Government's Discretion, the Government reserves the right to perform a cost realism analysis.

To be considered for an IDIQ contract award, offerors shall submit a cost proposal. The cost proposal shall be placed in Volume II.

Page Limitation: There is no page restriction for Volume II

Required Copies: 1 original and 1 paper copy and 2 CD ROMs of Cost Proposal. The original and each copy of Volume II shall be placed in a 3 ring binder.

The cover sheet and any text for the cost volume on the CD ROM shall be in Microsoft® Office 2010 or a compatible format. The cover sheet shall include the contractor's Cage Code and Dunn and Bradstreet (DUNS) number for IDIQ award.

The offeror shall provide a cost proposal that specifies direct labor rates, escalation factors for years two through seven of the contract, and indirect rates. The offeror shall provide forward pricing rate recommendation/agreements or other adequate documentation to support direct and indirect rates.

Direct labor rates shall be provided for the program manager for the overall program and junior, mid-level and senior personnel or equivalent in each of the following labor categories (or similar labor categories):

Systems Engineer

Software Engineer
Electrical Engineer
Administrator

Indirect Rates shall be provided for all indirect rate categories including Overhead, General and Administrative (G&A), Fringe Benefits, Material Handling, and Facilities Capital Cost of Money.

In addition, each offeror shall include a high level description of the labor categories and summary of qualifications (e.g., number of years/education) by labor category (program manager and junior, mid-level, and senior personnel or equivalent) in their IDIQ cost proposal submission.

Escalation factors shall be provided for years two through seven of the basic IDIQ.

The ONR cost proposal template located at <http://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/submit-proposal/contracts-proposal/cost-proposal.aspx> shall be used to provide the rate information. The direct labor rates, the indirect rates and escalation factors shall be inserted in the tab entitled, "Labor and Ind Rates".

The accepted direct labor rates will be used for subsequent task order solicitations for twelve (12) months after the date of IDIQ award. Proposed indirect rates and direct labor rate escalation factors will be evaluated for cost realism and fair and reasonable price; however, the Government does not anticipate incorporating either Indirect Rates or Escalation Factors in the IDIQ awards.

Volume II shall also demonstrate that the offeror was registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to proposal submission .

Volume II shall be accompanied by a fully executed copy of the solicitation cover page (Standard Form 33). The executed solicitation cover page shall acknowledge any amendments to the solicitation, if issued.

Volume II shall also be accompanied by a completed Section K entitled, "Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Offerors" (Reps and Certs). The Reps and Certs form can be found at <http://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/submit-proposal/contracts-proposal/cost-proposal.aspx> .

Section M - Evaluation Criteria was revised as follows.

1 - Evaluation Criteria for IDIQ Contract Awards was revised as follows.

The Government will evaluate the offeror's proposal to determine the offeror's understanding and capability to perform the requirements. The Government will determine acceptability or unacceptability of each proposal by evaluating the following: Technical Capability and Experience, Past Performance, Commitment to Small Business, and Cost. Award will be made on the basis of reasonable costs and the acceptability of the contractor's non-cost factors.

The Government will evaluate using the following factors and sub-factors.

I. Technical Factors

A. Technical Capability and Experience

The extent to which the offer's narrative demonstrates the offeror's capability to meet the statement of work requirements. The narrative shall address:

- The work performed and the resulting product(s) that was delivered.
- How the work and product(s) are relevant to integrated EMC².

- The overall architecture of the contracted system, issues that needed to be solved, both technical and programmatic, and how those issues were resolved and or mitigated.
- How the architecture met Modular Open System requirements.
- How the offeror organized, staffed, and managed the contracted system project effort(s) being addressed by the offeror in response to this solicitation.
- How the offeror provided the Government with sufficient information to show that the offeror has the corporate systems, controls and processes to fulfill the requirements for any resulting task orders.
- How the offeror coordinated with the Government program office.

B. Past Performance

The ability of the offeror to successfully perform the required effort, based on past performance information addressed below:

- Timeliness of Performance: The extent to which the offeror met interim milestones and completed deliverables on time, the offeror's performance was reliable, and the offeror has been responsive to technical direction.
- Cost Control: The extent to which the offeror has delivered products within budget, billings have been current, accurate, and traceable, actual costs have tracked to the negotiated costs and cost control measures have controlled costs resulting in efficiencies and includes a discussion of the offeror's system for controlling costs.
- Business relations: The extent to which the offeror has shown business-like concern for the Government's and other contractor's interests, exhibited effective management and has demonstrated a reasonable and cooperative team attitude.
- Customer satisfaction: The extent to which the offeror satisfied the end user with the contractor's products and service.
- Reference Information Provided: The extent to which the offeror properly provide the reference information on one (1) to three (3) previous contract(s), current as of the date of proposal submittal. The information must have included the contract number(s), contract(s) type, total value, period-of-performance, and technical point of contact(s) within the awarding organization(s) (government or industry), their telephone number(s) and email address(s).

C. Commitment to Small Business

(1) The extent to which the offeror provided a narrative that described the offeror's intent and commitment to small and small disadvantaged businesses in conducting the tasks necessary to accomplish the contracted system defined by the offeror. Specifically the "Commitment to Small Business" included the following:

(i) A description of how such firms, (i.e., small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, woman-owned small businesses, veteran-owned small businesses, service disabled veteran-owned small businesses, historically black colleges and universities, and minority institutions) were used to perform the required tasks.

(ii) A description of the offerors commitment to use such firms for subcontracting opportunities;

(iii) A description of the complexity and variety of the work small firms performed;

(iv) In instances where no subcontracting of the outlined tasks was utilized, the extent to which the offeror included a description of how these commitments were handled within the offeror's internal operations (such as purchase of office supplies, janitorial, security or other general service or supply items).

(v) A description of how the offeror intends to utilize a Government Point of Entry to advertise small business opportunities

~~(2) The Small Business Subcontracting Plan submitted by large businesses and non-profits for the contract under the clause entitled "Small Business Subcontracting Plan" (FAR 52.219-9) will be evaluated to see whether it includes at least the congressionally mandated goals of twenty three percent (23%) for small business concerns, five percent (5%) for small disadvantaged business concerns, five percent (5%) for women-owned small business concerns, three percent (3%) for HUBZone, and three percent (3%) for service-disabled veteran small business or~~

~~includes a detailed explanation as to why these goals cannot be included in the plan. The requirement for submitting a small business subcontracting plan with the IDIQ proposal is removed.~~

M2 Cost

Cost and Price Information

To be acceptable, the offeror's cost information (Direct Labor Costs for each labor category and level described in Section L) listed below must be evaluated to be fair and reasonable.

Systems Engineer
Software Engineer
Electrical Engineer
Administrator

The extent to which the offeror provided direct labor rates in accordance with their forward pricing rate recommendation or agreement or were they justified with current payroll documentation.

The extent to which the offeror provided indirect labor rates for all indirect rate categories, including Overhead, General and Administrative (G&A), Fringe Benefits, Material Handling, and Facilities Capital Cost of Money. Did the offeror provide direct labor rates escalation for years two through seven of the contract, and indirect labor rates.

The extent to which the offeror proposed indirect labor rates and direct labor escalation were determined to be realistic and fair and reasonable.

The extent to which the offeror provided proof that it is registered in the System for Award Management (SAM) prior to proposal submission.

Q#1. Travel dollar amounts have not been quantified in the proposal. Does the Government anticipate any travel to be conducted by the contractor? For instance, travel by the contractor to ONR for program meetings, quarterly design reviews, etc. If travel is anticipated, does the Government wish to specify the travel dollars the offerors should use, number of anticipated trips, travel locations, etc.?

A#1: There is not any travel associated with the Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity base award or for Task Order 0001 awards. Travel will be proposed as necessary by the contractor for future orders.

Q#2. Dollar amounts for the purchase of direct materials has not been quantified in the solicitation. Does the Government wish to specify a dollar amount for direct material for bidding purposes?

A#2: There is not any direct material purchase associated with the Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity base or Task Order 0001 awards. Material will be proposed as necessary by the contractor for future orders.

Q#3. The solicitation is silent on worksite location and worksite share. Does ONR anticipate the contractor performing any work at their Government site or does ONR believe the contractor will perform all work at the Contractor's site. If ONR expects the winning bidder to perform duties at both locations, request ONR provide the estimated worksite share by percentage (e.g., 50% Government Site, 50% Contractor Site).

A#3: There is no labor associated with the Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity award, therefore the government did not specify worksite location and worksite share. It is anticipated that most work will be accomplished at the contractor's site for future orders. However, worksite location and worksite share may be specified in subsequent order solicitations, if necessary.

Q#4. It is unclear onto which pages of the pricing template offeror's must insert CPFF, FFP and T&M items. Are there specific tabs in the template where CPFF, FFP and T&M items are to be provided? If not, are bidders able to add sheets to bid CPFF, FFP and T&M items?

A#4: In accordance with solicitation section L .4 entitled, "Instruction for Cost Volume for IDIQ Contracts (Volume II)" the ONR cost proposal template shall be used to provide rate information. The rate information shall be inserted on the tab entitled, "Labor and Ind Rates". Subsequent solicitations will provide additional instructions regarding submission of other than cost-type proposals.

Q#5. Must offerors submit CFFF, FFP and T&M items or may they submit a combination of those priced offers (e.g., only offer CFFF and T&M rates but exclude FFP)?

A#5: Offerors shall provide direct labor rates in accordance with L.4 of the solicitation.

Q#6. Must offerors bid a certain amount of key persons?

A#6: No.

Q#7. Is there a minimum or maximum number of key persons required by the Government?

A#7: No.

Q#8. Must offerors submit resumes of key persons? If resumes are required, are they incorporated into Volume I or Volume II? If part of Volume I, do resumes affect the 12 page limitation or should they be added as an addendum and be excluded from the page count?

A#8: Resumes are not required for proposals submitted in response to the Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity solicitation N00014-16-R-0012.

Q#9. What is the page count limitation for each resume? For example, should each resume not exceed 3 pages in length?

A#9: Resumes are not required for the Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity solicitation N00014-16-R-0012.

Q#10. It is unclear if Past Performance information as required on page 36 (item B) affects the 12 page Volume I page count limit. Please clarify.

A#10: Volume I IDIQ Technical Proposal shall not exceed twelve (12) pages inclusive of the title page, table of contents, the severable section for Commitment to Small Business, and Past Performance information." Amendment 0001 addresses this.

Q#11. Page 39 of the solicitation, item L.5 (b), states that "it is recommended that any hard-copy proposal be mailed several days before the deadline established in the solicitation so that it will not be received late and thus be ineligible for award consideration." If a contractor contracts with FedEx to

deliver its submission to ONR on Friday, December 4, by 10AM, will ONR consider FedEx's delivery of the package onsite to ONR to have been received on Friday, December 4 or will ONR take additional days beyond December 4, 2015 to "officially deliver" the offer due to increased security provisions thus making our proposal potentially ineligible for evaluation?

A#11: It is the offeror's responsibility to ensure proposals are received by the due date and time of the Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity solicitation N00014-16-R-0012.

Q#12: Section L 4 of the solicitation, "Instructions for Cost Volume for IDIQ Contracts (Volume II)" (page 39), specifically points bidders to use the ONR cost proposal template located on ONR's website at <http://www.onr.navy.mil/Contracts-Grants/submitproposal/contracts-proposal/cost-proposal.aspx>. In reviewing the web page's content where the cost proposal template resides, ONR's website states that additional documents not called out within the solicitation, specifically a Technical Proposal template and Statement of Work template, must be completed and submitted for contract consideration. However, the requirement to submit a completed Technical Proposal template and Statement of Work template is not called out within the solicitation and there is no reference to them being required in Section L 3, "Instructions for Submission of Volume I, IDIQ Contract Technical Proposals" (page 35). Also, in reviewing the contents of those templates, they do not appear to be suitable for the type of work being anticipated to be performed per the solicitation's Statement of Work. Are we correct to assume that the Technical Proposal template and Statement of Work template do not apply to bidders responding to this solicitation and they therefore should not be submitted? If they must be submitted, bidder requests a 2 week extension to allow for an extended question submission period and an extended proposal submission deadline.

A#12: You are correct to assume that the ONR Technical Proposal template and Statement of Work template do not apply to bidders responding to this solicitation and they should not be submitted. Therefore, a two week extension is not granted.

Q#13: We intend to submit a proposal in response to the subject RFP. We also intend to submit questions on or before the questions due date of 11/23. Do you have an idea on how quickly ONR will respond to those inquiries? We are looking at delivering our proposal early but some of ONR's answers might require a small change to our submittal. Please advise at your earliest convenience.

A#13: ONR intends to answer all questions as quickly as possible.

Q#14: Will ONR consider deleting DFARS CLAUSE 252.204-7012 and 252.204-7008 or replacing them with the following earlier versions, 252.204-7012 (NOV 2013) and 252.204-7008 (AUG 2010). If not, will

ONR consider including the following reopener clause in the ID/IQ award?

(a) The terms of this contract do not include the impact of DFARS 252.204-7012 – “Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting (DEVIATION 20116-O0001)(OCT 2015),” and DFARS 252.204-7008 - “Compliance with Safeguarding Covered Defense Information Controls (DEVIATION 20116-O0001)(OCT 2015).

(b) The parties agree that the contract terms are subject to adjustment in accordance with the provisions of this clause.

(c) Within 90 days from contract award, the Contractor shall submit a supplemental proposal to the Contracting Officer for purposes of adjusting the contract terms. The parties agree to commence negotiations concerning this adjustment within 30 days after receipt of the supplemental proposal by the Government.

A#14: Provision 252.204-7008 entitled, “Compliance with Safeguarding Covered Defense Information Controls (DEVIATION 2016-O0001)(OCT 2015) and clause 252.204-7012 entitled, “Safeguarding Covered Defense Information and Cyber Incident Reporting” (DEVIATION 2016-O0001)(OCT 2015) shall be used in lieu of the provision at DFARs 252.204-7008 and the clause at DFARs 252.204.7012 as stated in the solicitation.

A reopener clause will not be incorporated in the IDIQ award.

Q# 15: Would ONR permit the use of 10-point Arial Narrow font for graphics and tables within the Technical Volume?

A#15: No, ONR will not permit the use of 10-point Arial Narrow font for graphics and tables. However, ONR will permit the use of Times New Roman 9 point font for graphics and tables only within the Technical Volume.

Q#16: This section includes a reference to an "Individual Subcontracting Plan", a "Master Subcontracting Plan with Individual Goals", and a "Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan". Is there a requirement to deliver a subcontracting plan with this submittal?

A#16: Amendment 0001 deletes the requirement for submitting a small business subcontracting plan with the IDIQ proposal.

Q#17: What is ONR's definition of an "Administrator"? Contractor assumes an "Administrator" includes all those functions that are non-technical. For example, Contracts and Finance. Please confirm.

A#17: An administrator performs functions that are non-technical. See response to Q#32.

Q#18: What is ONR's intent with the statement "The accepted direct labor rates will be used for subsequent task order solicitations for twelve (12) months after the date of an ID/IQ award"?

A#18: For those labor categories that direct labor rates were included as part of the proposal, contractors shall use the accepted direct labor rates for proposal purposes in subsequent order proposal submissions for twelve (12) months after the date of an ID/IQ award.

Q#19: Will direct rates (not indirect rates or escalation) be negotiated and incorporated into the ID/IQ award?

A#19: See answer to Q#18. In accordance with Section L.5 entitled, "General Instructions /Information for Proposal Submission" the government intends to award on initial proposals but reserves the right to go to discussions.

Q#20: If so, will the Contractor be required to use those accepted direct labor rates on proposed task orders within 12 months of ID/IQ award?

A#20: Yes.

Q#21: Is this only for proposal purposes and not for billing purposes?

A#21: This is for proposal and billing purposes.

Q#22: What happens after the 12 months have elapsed?

A#22 Contractors will not be required to use the accepted direct labor rates in their proposal submission for subsequent order after the 12 months have lapsed.

Q#23: Section L 6 of the solicitation, "Provisions," contains DFAR Deviations 252.234-7001 (NOTICE OF EARNED VALUE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (DEVIATION 2015-O0017)(SEP 2015)) (page 43). Should the response to this provision be provided as an attachment to the cover letter, an appendix to the technical volume or an appendix to the cost volume?

A#23: The response to the referenced provision shall be provided with subsequent order proposal submissions, if an Earned Value Management System is applicable.

Q#24: What type of positions are meant by the Administrators for the labor categories for the costing submission?

A#24: See the response to Q#17.

Q#25. Section L identifies the submission requirements for the proposal. However, Block 7 on the DD Form 1707 Cover Sheet states "Proposals provided in a sealed envelope..." Is the sealed envelope required for any part of the submission? With the 3-ring binder requirement noted in Section L, the additional information regarding the sealed envelope raises questions on delivery requirements.

A#25: The 3-ring binder shall be submitted in a sealed envelope or equivalent package.

Q#26. Section L, please confirm that electronic or digital signature is acceptable for original proposal submission in the cost volume (SF33).

A#26: An electronic or digital signature is acceptable on Form SF 33.

Q#27: Please confirm if the Government requires submission of a signed DD1707 in the cost volume in addition to a signed SF33. If so, please confirm that electronic or digital signature is acceptable for original proposal submission.

A#27: In accordance with Form DD 1707 "Instructions" the offeror should sign and return the DD1707 only if they are not submitting a proposal. In that case, an electronic or digital signature is acceptable.

Q#28: What is the anticipated start date for award? This date is needed to ensure adequate offeror pricing and proper rate escalation.

A#28: The ordering period for the IDIQ contracts is anticipated to begin on or about six (6) months after the due date of proposals.

Q#29: Is it allowable to use Times New Roman 9 point font in tables?

A#29: See response to Q#15.

Q#30: In order to meet all required information the government is requiring will the government allow the Title Page and TOC to be outside of page count?

A#30: No, the Title Page and TOC are included in the page count.

Q#31: Is there a minimum or maximum number of contractors that will receive an award?

A#31: No.

Q#32: Are there labor category descriptions? Especially for Administrator. Does this include positions for cost control, program management or other non-technical positions?

A#32: See the response to Q#17. The solicitation did not specify labor category descriptions or qualifications. It is the offeror's responsibility to include a high level description of the labor categories and summary of qualifications (e.g., number of years/education) by labor category (program manager, and junior, mid-level, and senior personnel or equivalent) in their IDIQ cost proposal submission Volume II. Amendment 0001 will address this.

Q#33: Should we apply any hours to the T&M rates we provide through the cost Volume?

A#33: See the response to Q#5.

Q#34: Many companies are struggling to quickly adopt to the October 2015 version of DFARs 252.204-7012. Will your office allow a grace period for adoption of this clause if the winning contractor agrees to

the earlier version of this clause while they work through incorporating changes required by October 2015 version?

A#34: See the response to Q#14.

Q#35: One of our past performance customers requires approval for all contract information provided to a third party and also requires allowance of 30 days for said approval. Will ONR extend the proposal due date to 18 December to allow us time to obtain customer approval for past performance information.

A#35: No, an extension will not be granted.

Q#36: Will ONR allow submission of a proposal from a parent company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of that parent company?

A#36: In accordance with solicitation section L.4 entitled, "Instruction for Cost Volume for IDIQ Contracts (Volume II)", "while ONR encourages offerors to rely upon all resources available to them, ONR will accept only one (1) proposal from each parent company".

However, it is the decision of the company to determine if the proposal is submitted from the parent company or a wholly owned subsidiary.
